

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 274**

**Call to Order:** By **SENATOR BOB DEPRATU**, on April 9, 1999 at 5:10 P.M., in Room 331 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bob DePratu  
Sen. Reiny Jabs  
Sen. Bill Wilson  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg  
Rep. Joe McKenney

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bill Eggers

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Phoebe Olson, Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Conference Committee on SB 274

**SENATOR DEPRATU**, said this committee was brought together to consider the actions taken on SB 274. He asked **SENATOR WILSON** to explain his concerns about the bill.

**SENATOR WILSON**, explained what the House amendments had done to the bill. He maintained that the language was hard to understand, and he said if the language was confusing to people who served on the taxation committee, then it would certainly be confusing to the people the bill wanted to attract. He proposed the original language be restored.

**REPRESENTATIVE MCKENNEY**, said this was a one time shot for Montana and that we needed to put our best foot forward. He said other states were putting bids in and a decision could be made within a year. He maintained there would be no second chance, and this was a once in a life time opportunity. He agreed with Senator Wilson that the confusing language should be eliminated.

**Jeff Martin**, asked for clarification on the amendment.

**SENATOR WILSON**, said he wanted the bill to be restored to the way it was when he presented it to the House Tax Committee.

**Jeff Martin**, asked about line 16, changing "and" to "or".

**SENATOR DEPRATU**, said he thought that the "and" needed to stay and the "or" should be crossed out.

**Jeff Martin**, said everything would go back to the 3rd reading Senate version.

**SENATOR JABS**, asked what word would be last on line 19.

**Jeff Martin**, said all the new language would be struck and all the stricken language after the word maintenance would be restored.

**SENATOR JABS**, asked if the amendment was put on in committee or on the Floor.

**SENATOR WILSON**, replied it was done in committee.

**SENATOR DEPRATU**, said he was in support of Senator Wilson's ideas.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. WILSON** moved that **SB 274 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.**

Vote: SEN. WILSON made the motion that **SB 274 DO PASS AS AMENDED**  
carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

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SENATOR BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

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PHOEBE OLSON, Secretary

**EXHIBIT** (ccs77sb0274aad)